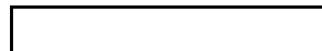


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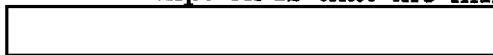
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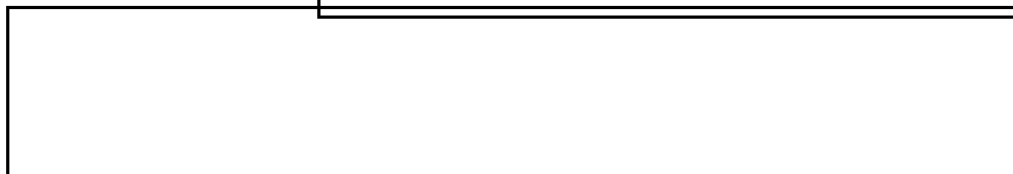
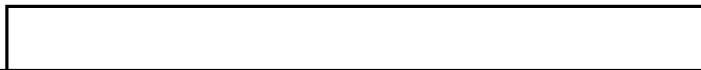
The French military attaché in Taipei told the assistant US military attaché on 17 June that "from what I have seen, I know my country is going to recognize Red China soon, certainly before the

end of this year." He said other Frenchmen in Taiwan believe recognition will be accorded before the end of July because the French minister to Taipei has been ordered to delay his departure to his next assignment until then. The assumption is that the minister will not be replaced.



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Considerable pressure for recognition of Communist China continues to be exerted on the French government by public opinion, particularly commercial interests, but successive cabinets have taken the position that while they favor recognition, it should be in agreement with France's major allies.



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Former premier Nu, bitter over the Burma Socialist Party's acceptance of his resignation, is determined to end the party's domination of the Anti-

Fascist People's Freedom League (AFPFL),

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Serious friction between Nu and the Socialists would threaten the breakup of the coalition which has governed Burma, with gradually increasing stability, since independence.

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In his resignation announcement, Nu said he planned to devote full time as AFPFL president to purging the organization of corruption and Communist elements. The Socialists would be the chief target of any drive against corruption.

The pro-Communist National United Front, which registered important gains in the recent elections, would undoubtedly move to exploit the situation by offering to combine with one or more of the fragments that might emerge from the disintegration of the AFPFL.

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